

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
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TASK SCHEDULING APPARATUS, METHOD,  
PROGRAM, STORAGE MEDIUM AND  
TRANSMISSION FOR PRIORITIZED SIGNAL  
HANDLER SCHEDULING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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